



# News Release

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### Arizona Department of Public Safety Dedication Ceremony - Issuance of First Ballistic Vest to DPS Canine

On Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 4:00 PM, there will be a dedication ceremony for the issuance of the first ballistic vest to a DPS canine. The dedication will be held at the DPS Tucson Headquarters Training Room, located at 6401 South Tucson Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona. (Corner of Tucson Boulevard and Valencia Road)

The dedication ceremony will be conducted by Lieutenant Angel Leos, Jr., Canine District Commander. Lieutenant Leos will provide details about the DPS canine program, explaining the purpose and successes of the unit which currently has 22 canines.

Presentations will be made by the Honorable Linda Lopez, Arizona House of Representatives District 29, Mrs. Jacqueline "Jackie" Rebel, the widow of Officer Ed Rebel and Mr. Michael Valdez of Protect K9, vender for canine ballistic vests.

The DPS Canine District began a new format this year of naming the canines after DPS fallen Officers as a way to honor the sacrifice made by the DPS Officers for their loss of life in the line of duty. The first canine to receive the ballistic vest is named "Rebel" after Officer Ed Rebel. Mrs. Jackie Rebel actually provided the funding for the canine ballistic vest.

Officer Ed Rebel, Badge #233, was killed in the line of duty while conducting a traffic stop on Interstate 10 near Marana, on June 28, 1988. He was shot and killed while attempting to arrest Bruce Beatty, who was part of a stolen car ring. Despite being mortally wounded, Officer Rebel was able to fire several shots, killing his assailant.

Lieutenant Leos and several of the DPS Officers assigned to the canine unit will be on hand to answer questions and present their law enforcement partners.